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FOR US DEL ICNAF

1. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 21 REFTEL, FURTHER CONTACTS
BETWEEN DEPT. AND INDUSTRY REVEAL THAT WHILE IT MAY BE
POSSIBLE FOR INDUSTRY TO SHIFT OPERATIONS TO OTHER AREAS
IN THE G'IANAS IF FORCED TO DO SO THROUGH EXCLUSION BY
EC, THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN CONTINUED ACCESS TO

FRENCH GUIANA WATERS. IT APPEARS THAT APPROACH WHICH WE
WTLL ADOPT AS OUTLINED REFTEL IS SUPPORTED BY INDUSTRY, IE,
PRESS FOR SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH EC FOR FRENCH GUIANA
FISHERY RATHER THAN COMPLETELY RECIPRICAL GIFA, ASK FOR
NEGOTIATING DATE, AND CONFIRM THAT NO IMMEDIATE ENFORCE-
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MENT WILL TAKE PLACE.

2. POSSIBLE IMPACT OF 200 MILES ON GUADELOUPE, MARTINIQUE,
AS FAR AS DEPT. CAN ASCERTAIN, IS QUITE
LIMITED. DISCUSSIONS WITH CARIBBEAN FISHERY MANAGEMENT
COUNCIL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE NMFS OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT IF

ANY COMMERCIAL FISHING AT ALL TAKES PLACE IN THIS AREA
IT IS VERY MINIMAL. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, MAY BE U.S.
SPORT FISHERMEN FROM VIRGIN ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO WHO
OCCASIONALLY FISH THESE AREAS. ROBINSON

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